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15.	Providing amusement facilities and beautification of LBS Park at Mettur Dam in Salem District
16.	Development of Thanjavur under Mega Tourism Project
17.	Establishment of Night Safari near Arignaranna Zoological Park, Vandalur Chennai

Failure in implementing tourism projects

†3197. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have failed in implementing the Centrally sponsored tourism projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Government has demanded to return the amount provided to State Governments for these projects;

(d) if so, whether this is the only alternative to prevent the failure of implementation of these projects; and

(e) if not, the other alternatives Government should consider?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories for tourism projects on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. Implementation and monitoring of projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism however, also monitors the implementation of projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time.

Proposals for tourism development in state of Punjab

3198. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals for the development of tourism in the State of Punjab at present pending with the Centre;

(b) by when each one of them is likely to be approved by the Centre and the funds proposed to be sanctioned and disbursed to State in each case; and

(c) the reasons for delay in cases where the proposals are pending for over two years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

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